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Morton Grove Public Library

What's New at the Library for 2000?

DVDs are here!

CelebrateY2K with entertainment on **DVDs.** Check out over 100 new titles on digital video discs. There is something for everyone: comedy, classics, romance, music, children's and more.

Audiobooks

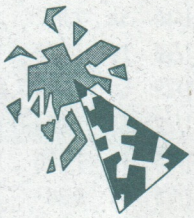
Audiobooks are now available on CDs in unabridged form. Typically, audiobooks in unabridged form are recorded on ten CDs or less in a set with 75 minutes on each CD (for a total of 750 minutes of listening.)

Magazines

Fourteen new titles have been added for the year 2000: *Cooking Light, ESPN, Family Money, Garden Design, Horticulture, InStyle, More, Mode, Natural Health, Parent & Child, Parenting, Vogue Knitting, Web Guide,* and *Worth.*

New Books

Hundreds of new books are added to the collection every month. Enjoy a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction. Sign up for MatchBook at the Reference Services Desk and receive a computerized list of new materials that match your personal interests.



Computer Classes at the Library

If your New Year's resolution includes learning how to use a computer, sign-up for an introductory class at the Library! Almost every month, there will be at least one class, from introductory level to more advanced computer programs. Select your level and learn!

Introduction to Personal Computers

Saturday, January 22 at 1:00

Jennifer Didier of Banner Training Center presents an Introduction to PCs. She will discuss: different types of PCs on the market; the information flow process; components of a PC; categories of hardware and software; an overview of the Internet; and wide uses of a PC in a business environment. Registration is limited to 100 and begins January 3. Morton Grove residents are given priority for registration; non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. To register, please call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Resources Desk. Registrants will be asked for their Library card number and phone number.

Basic Internet

Saturday, February 5 at 1:00

see page 2 for details

Harry Potter Party

Calling all Muggles!

Enjoy the magic of the Harry Potter books at one of two parties on **Saturday, January 22 at 10 am and 2 pm**. Dress up in Harry Potter style if you'd like; play games such as Harry Potter Trivia; draw pictures of your favorite characters; join in a fun, fantastical book discussion and enjoy some magical and muggle refreshments!

Attendance at each session is limited to 30 people (grade 4 through adult) who have read all three books; sign-up begins January 4th. Guess the number of jelly beans in the special jar when you register; there will be a prize for the correct (or closest) guess. Everyone who attends the parties will be eligible to win a three-volume set of Harry Potter books. Call the Children's Department for the latest wizardly details!

Holiday Hours

Fri., Dec. 31: closing one hour early - open 9 to 5

Sat., Jan. 1: closed for New Year's Day

Sun., Jan. 2: open 1 - 5

Mon., Jan. 17: open 9 - 9
Martin Luther King Day

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

January

1/1	Sa	Closed for New Year's Day	
1/4	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/10	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, Rated PG, 132 minutes
1/11	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/12	We	1:00	Low Vision Book Discussion Group
1/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
1/15	Sa	2:00	*Don't Just Sit There!*
1/18	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/22	Sa	10:00 & 2:00	*Harry Potter* Parties
1/22	Sa	1:00	Introduction to Computers
1/25	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/25	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion of *Memoirs of a Geisha*
1/30	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Tristan and Isolde*

February

2/1	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/5	Sa	1:00	Basic Internet
2/6	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Carmen*
2/8	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/9	We	1:00	Low Vision Book Discussion
2/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
2/12	Sa	2:00	*Heartland* with David Drake
2/14	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Bringing Out the Dead, rated R, 123 minutes*
2/15	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/22	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/29	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/29	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion of *A Woman in Amber: Healing the Trauma of War and Exile*

Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Basic Internet

A brief history, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet will be presented **Saturday, February 5 at 1:00 pm.** Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an individual, hands-on tutoring session covering basic Internet navigational skills to be scheduled later in February. Registration for the lecture begins January 17 and is limited to 50 residents of Morton Grove. Have your Library card ready when you call (965-4220) or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register in person.

Coming in March: Word 97

Scheduled for **Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 pm;** watch for the program description and registration information in the next issue of *Focus.*

Book Discussion Groups

Thinking Out Loud

The Library's long-standing book discussion group meets Tuesday, **January 25 at 7:30 pm to discuss *Memoirs of a Geisha*** by Arthur Golden. Experience the life of a geisha through her reminiscences about being an orphaned village girl in 1929 up to her elder years .

On **Tuesday, February 29, at 7:30 pm,** the group will discuss Agate Nesaule's book, ***A Woman in Amber: Healing the Trauma of War and Exile.*** The book tells about how Nesaule and her family fled Latvia and came to America to start a new life.

Book Discussion Group for Adults with Low Vision

This new discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at **1:00 pm** in the Board Room. Call Nancy Brothers at 965-4220 for additional information. The group meets **January 12 and February 9.**

Lunchtime Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunchtime Videos. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 2-hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Kids Programs

Families Read Together

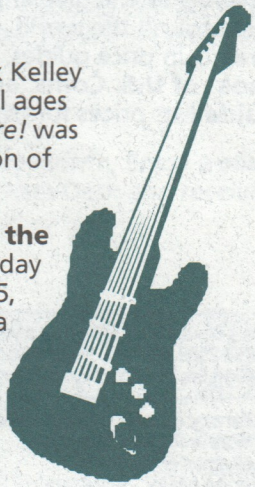
Parents, this is an opportunity for you to share with others all of those great books you and your children enjoy! Fill out a form and set up an appointment for your family to be photographed reading together. Your family's favorite books will be displayed along with your photo in the Children's Room. You will receive an 8x10 copy of your family portrait and a photo bookmark for each member of the family.

The Goc family – Carri, Paul and son, Christopher – enjoys reading books in the Morton Grove Public Library Children's Department

Don't Just Sit There!

Award-winning singer, songwriter, keyboard artist Rick Kelley presents an original, one-man interactive musical for all ages **Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 pm**. *Don't Just Sit There!* was named Program of the Year by the National Association of Campus Activities.

Seating is limited: 160 tickets will be available at the Children's Desk beginning Sat., January 8. On the day of the performance, the doors will open at 1:45. At 1:55, unclaimed seats will be given to the general public on a first-come, first served basis. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



Children's Classes

Winter session begins the week of January 3, 2000. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment began December 13 for Morton Grove residents and December 20 for non-residents. Phone registrations can be made for openings. Classes end February 25th.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 3-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Potluck Concert by David HB Drake

Bring the whole famiy to hear folksinger and songsmith David HB Drake perform songs, poems, and stories on many different instruments including banjo, dulcimer, concertina, Native American flute, and guitar. Drake has been called a "gentle troubadour" and an "elemental folksinger." The Potluck Concert, **Saturday, February 12 at 2:00 pm** , presents folk songs with strong family messages and a grassroots portrait of the Midwest.

Seating is limited; 160 tickets will be available at the Children's Desk one week before the performance, beginning February 5. Doors will open at 1:45 the day of the performance. At 1:55, unclaimed seats will be given to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Films

Star Wars: Episode 1, the Phantom Menace

Monday, Janary 10 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Rated PG, 132 minutes.

This film is probably best known for its technical achievementwith special effects. The storyline fills in the background for the earlier series of *Star Wars* films.

Bringing Out the Dead

Monday, February 14 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:00 pm, Rated R, 123 minutes.

Nicolas Cage plays the part of a burned-out ambulance driver, Frank Pierce, who is haunted by memories of people he wasn't able to save. Frank is faced with amoral dilemma when he goes to rescue his ex-junkie girlfriend from a drug den.

Lyric Opera Lectures
Sundays at 2:00 pm

January 30: Conductor and composer Philip Seward discusses Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde."

February 6: Dr. Ellie Olin, a musicologist and specialist in French literature converted to opera, discusses Bizet's "Carmen."

Wanted: Kids' Collections for Children's Room Display Case

The Library has two locked display cases in the Children's Room. If you would like to display your collection, call or stop by the Children's Room to talk with Ms. Copeland or Ms. Rund about setting up a display for two weeks. Recent collections on display included keychains, handmade Barbie doll clothes, Legos, and sea shells.

Dahmer Returns to Board

Welcome back to Elinor Dahmer who was appointed to fill the position vacated by Lea King. Ms. King resigned from the Board of Trustees in September. Ms. Dahmer has served on the Board previously and is well-versed in Library operations.

Reference Round-up

Collectibles

If your holiday gifts included a collectible or two, you may be interested in looking at one of the Library's many reference books that give collecting guidelines, item descriptions, and current values for everything from coins to salt shakers! Many books in this Reference collection are updated annually, so you can be sure to see the latest information.

When you need expert advice, consult ***Maloney's Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory***. It lists nearly 3,000 categories of collectibles with directory information for major collectors, dealers, appraisers, museum collections, magazines, and collectors clubs in each category. For general price information, collectors often use these standard reference works: **Kovel's Antiques & Collectibles Price List** and **Warman's Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide.**

The Reference Department also has many guides for particular collections: the six volumes of the **Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue** will give any collector the latest values for stamps from countries around the world. Coin collectors can consult the latest editions of three coin price guides: **Standard Catalog of World Coins, Guide Book of U.S. Coins**, and **Handbook of Coins**. **The Baseball Card Price Guide** lists prices for over 150,000 cards.

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